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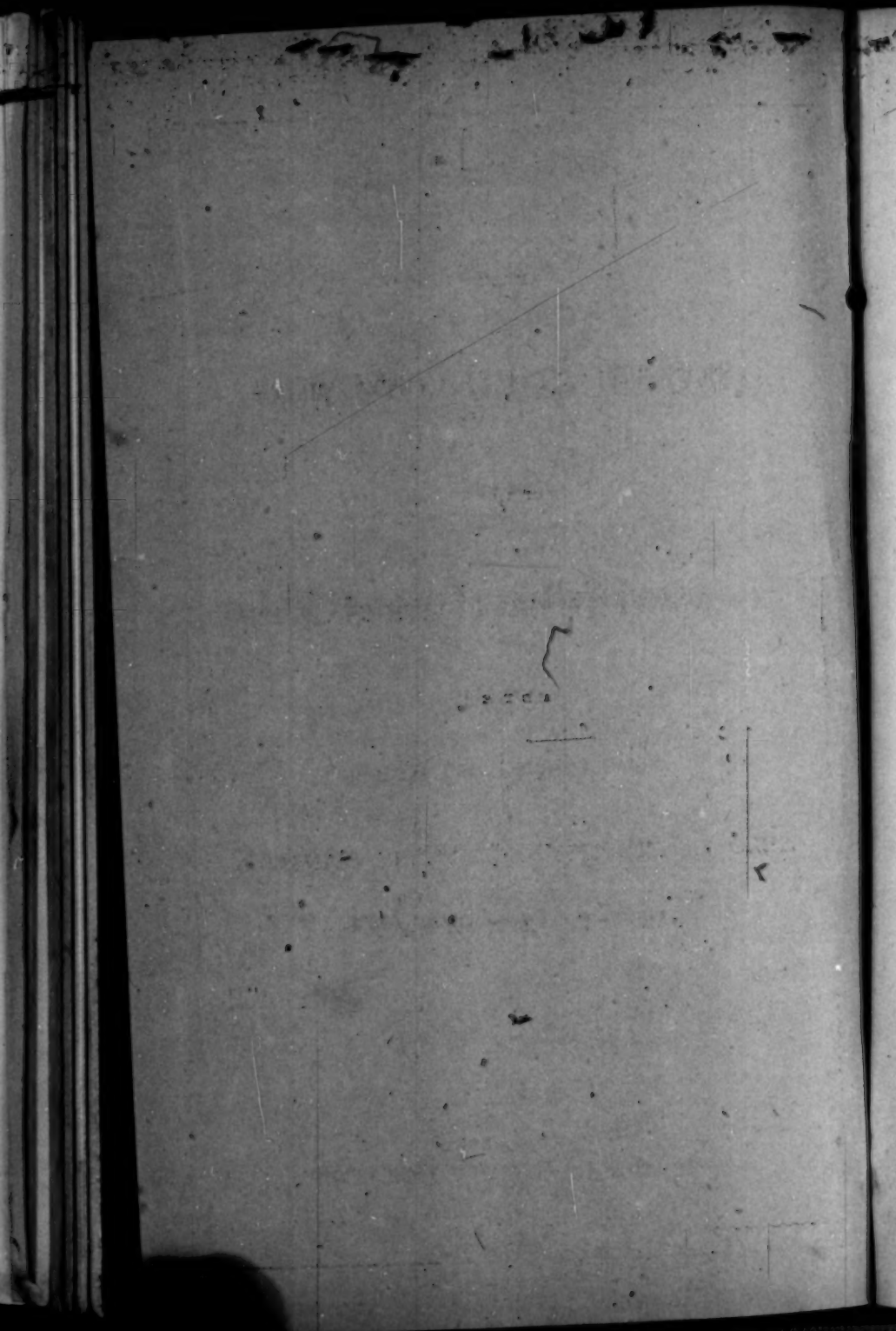
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The Seventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas, and adjacent States, according to adjournment of this body, met at Abilene on Wednesday evening, October 21, 1874.

In the absence of the President, Rev. J. K. Eckman preached an interesting discourse, based on Heb. xii. 2: "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, Oct. 22, 8½ A. M.

On Thursday morning, at 8½ o'clock, the members of Synod convened in the "Metropolitan Hall," and after spending half an hour in social prayer, the Secretary, in the absence of the President, opened Synod in the usual way.

The roll was then called, and the absentees noted. The Lay Delegates presented their credentials, and were received as members of Synod.

The following is a list of the clerical members of this body,
viz.:

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

NO.	CLERGYMEN.	POST-OFFICE.	REMARKS.
1	Rev. R. Weiser, a s.....	Georgetown, Col....	No charge.
2	" J. G. Ellinger, a.....	Ottawa, Kan.....	Superannuated.
3	" T. W. Sargent.....	Emporia, ".....	Eureka charge.
4	" D. S. Altman.....	Ottawa, ".....	No delegate.
5	" A. A. Trimper.....	Lawrence, ".....	Lawrence Mission.
6	" Chas. Young.....	Salina, ".....	Salina Mission.
7	" Geo. A. Exline.....	Bunker Hill, Kan....	Bunker Hill Mission.
8	" D. Harbaugh.....	Waterville, ".....	No delegate.
9	" F. R. Scherer.....	".....	Marshall County.
10	" G. Walker, a.....	White Rock, ".....	No charge.
11	" Samuel Cook, a.....	Central City, ".....	Removed to Iowa.
12	" J. B. McAfee.....	Topeka, ".....	No charge.
13	" S. P. Harrington.....	Abilene, ".....	Abilene Mission.
14	" Henry Helgerd, a.....	Effingham, ".....	No charge.
15	" M. J. Fiery.....	Emporia, ".....	No charge.
16	" A. W. Wagenhals.....	Atchison, ".....	No delegate.
17	" J. B. Corbett.....	Abilene, ".....	No charge.
18	" J. K. Eckman.....	Osborne City, ".....	Osborn & White Rock.
19	" C. J. Scheleen.....	Bismarck, ".....	Bismarck & St. Mary's.
20	" C. J. Lindahl, a.....	Brantford, ".....	Brantford Mission.
21	" Chas. Hawkinson, a.....	Randolph, ".....	Riley County Mission.
22	" T. F. Dornblaser.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	Kansas City Mission.
23	" N. G. Bergenskold.....	Beattie, Kan.....	Marshall County.
24	" E. J. Keplinger, a.....	Grasshopper Falls, K	No charge.

Explanations.—a, absent; s, excused; p, received this session.

LAY DELEGATES.

Bro. Wm. Eicholtz, of the Abilene Charge.

Bro. J. G. Schmucker, of the Lawrence Charge.

Bro. J. H. Schell, of the Kansas City Mission.

Bro. J. C. Pecht, of the White Rock Charge.

Bro. Jacob Riser, of the Eureka Charge.

Bro. J. B. Corbett, of the Bunker Hill Charge.

(p) Rev. A. A. Trimper, of the Synod of Northern Illinois, and Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, of the Wittenberg Synod, on presenting honorable dismissals from their respective Synods, were received as members of this Synod.

The President's Report was then read and referred to a committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: The time having arrived for our annual meeting, according to the constitution of our Synod, it becomes my duty, as its presiding officer, to hand in my Annual Report, and to render you an account of my official acts since the meeting of our last Synod at Kansas City, Mo.

The following is an account of my official acts:

1. Early in the spring the Rev. Mr. Steck wrote me that he had accepted a charge within the bounds of the East Pennsylvania Synod, and wished me to forward him an honorable dismission. As Bro. Steck was in good repute in our Synod, I granted his request, and sent him an honorable dismission, which action will no doubt meet your entire approval.

2. In February I received a letter from Rev. Geo. Walker, of White Rock, Kansas, making some inquiries about our constitution, and asking whether he could recover his salary by law. I advised him not to enter suit, but rather to suffer wrong. He will probably lay the matter before the Synod.

3. In April I received a letter from our Swedish licentiate, N. G. Bergenskold, informing me that he had resigned at Belleville, and had accepted a call at Beattie, Marshall County, Kansas. Whether he will retain his connection with our Synod, I do not know.

4. In September I received a letter from Rev. C. Martin, of St. Joe, Mo., requesting me to send him an honorable dismission. The grounds on which he made this request were that the meetings of our Synod and the beginning of the sessions of his school would come into perpetual conflict, and that it would be impossible for him to attend our Synodical meetings; and as he did not like to appear before the Church as a constant delinquent in his ecclesiastical duty, he wished to form some other Synodical connection. I thought his reasons sound and valid, and therefore granted his request.

5. In July I received a letter from V. G. Haag, of Noblesville, Indiana, asking me to forward him a certificate of good standing in our Synod, with a view of connecting himself with the Indiana Synod, in whose bounds he had accepted a charge. But with this request, under the circumstances, I could not comply, as I had not received a favorable report of the committee appointed at our last Synodical meeting. I considered Mr. Haag still under trial, and his case will no doubt come up at this meeting of Synod for final adjudication. You will be called upon to act on the report of the committee, and you will no doubt mete out evenhanded justice to a poor, weak and erring brother.

These are about all my official acts performed since our last meeting. It now becomes your duty to approve or disapprove them, as in your wisdom you may think best.

I would also state that the Rev. Mr. Dornblaser informed me officially that he had accepted a call to our Mission Church in Kansas City. Other changes which have occurred during the year, can be better reported by our worthy Secretary, who is on the ground, and knows more about these changes than your President, who lives at so great a distance.

And now, may the blessing of the Most High God rest upon your deliberations, and give you grace and wisdom to do His will and glorify His holy name.

Respectfully submitted,

R. WEISKER, President.

GEORGETOWN, COL., Oct. 14, 1874.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Rev. S. P. Harrington, President;

Rev. D. S. Altman, Secretary;

Mr. J. H. Schell, Treasurer.

Documents claiming the attention of Synod were then presented.

HOURS OF MEETING.

Resolved, That the hours for the sessions of Synod be from 8:30 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 5 P. M. The first half hour of each morning session to be spent in devotional exercises.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dornblaser.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, Oct. 22, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. Young.

Minutes of previous session were read, corrected, and approved.

Revs. W. H. Snyder, of the Presbyterian Church; J. Curtz,

of the M. E. Church; and J. A. Picolai, of the Reformed Church, were received as advisory members of Synod.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following committees:

1. *President's Report*.—Revs. Trimper, Sargeant, and Dornblaser.
2. *Last Year's Minutes*.—Rev. G. Exline and Mr. J. G. Schmucker.
3. *Minutes of other Synods*.—Revs. Eckman, Harbaugh, and Mr. Eicholtz.
4. *Lutheran Home Monthly, and other Documents*.—Revs. Harbaugh, McAfee, and Dornblaser.
5. *Communications*.—Revs. Trimper, Young, and Scheleen.
6. *Communications from Corresponding Bodies*.—Revs. Dornblaser, Young, and Bergenskold.
7. *Railroad Fare*.—Revs. Eckman, Harbaugh, and Bro. Eicholtz.
8. *Sabbath School Work*.—Revs. Dornblaser, Trimper, and Wagenhals.
9. *State of the Church*.—Revs. McAfee, Harbaugh, and Bro. J. G. Schmucker.
10. *Vacant Congregations*.—Revs. Sargeant, Harbaugh, and Young.
11. *Devotional Exercises*.—Revs. Harrington, Altman, and Trimper.
12. *Parochial Reports*.—Revs. Dornblaser, Eckman, and Bro. Schmucker.
13. Revs. Harbaugh, McAfee, and Bergenskold.
14. Revs. Sargeant, Harbaugh, and Scheleen.

Parochial reports were then taken up, in connection with the reading of which many interesting statements were made

by the brethren touching the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom in their respective fields of labor.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Bro. Scherer.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, Oct. 23, 9 A. M.

After spending the usual time in devotional exercises, Synod met and was opened with prayer by Bro. Scherer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

A committee on journals and sermons was appointed, consisting of Revs. Fiery, Young, and Scheleen.

Report of Committee No. 14.

Your committee would respectfully report that the papers placed in their hands are:

1. A communication from the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Eureka, in charge of Rev. T. W. Sargeant, requesting to be received as an integral part of this body.

2. A letter from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Osborn City, making the same request.

3. The Constitution of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Stranger Creek, with the request of the Council to be received into connection with this Synod.

Your committee would therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the above named churches have complied with the requirements of this body in the adoption of the General Synod's doctrinal basis, that they be, and hereby are, received as integral parts of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. SARGEANT,
D. HARBAUGH,
F. R. SCHERER.

Report of Committee No. 5.

Your committee beg leave to report that the document placed in their hands is a letter from Rev. S. Cook, who has recently removed from the State of Kansas into the bounds of the Iowa Synod. He

respectfully requests a letter of dismissal from this body, to unite with the above named Synod. Your committee recommend that his request be granted.

A. A. TRIMPER,
C. YOUNG.

At this stage of the proceedings, Rev. J. W. Goodlin, our worthy Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, appeared in our midst, and was received as an advisory member of Synod.

Report of Committee No. 7.

The documents placed in our hands are:

1. A note from the Secretary stating that the Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston Railroad did not so much as reply to his letter requesting a reduction of fare. Your committee recommend that this fact be placed upon record in our minutes.

2. A letter from agents of the Kansas Pacific, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, and Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroads, from which we learn that these roads have very kindly reduced fare, for which we recommend a vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. ECKMAN,
W. H. EICHOLTZ,
D. HARBAUGH.

Adopted.

A special committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Eckman, Young, Fiery, and Harbaugh, to whom was referred items 2 and 3 of the unfinished report of Committee No. 5 for further action:

Report of Committee No. 12.

The papers placed in the hands of Committee No. 12 are:

1. A communication of Rev. C. J. Lindahl, in which he requests a letter of honorable dismissal from this Synod, to unite with the Swedish Luth. Anagari Synod.

2. A letter from Rev. C. Hawkinson, a licentiate of this body, in which he asks permission to withdraw from this Synod, so that he may unite with a Swedish Missionary Synod of the Evan. Luth. Church about to be organized at Randolph, Kansas.

Your committee would advise the President to correspond with Bro. Hawkinson relative to the organization of the Missionary Synod,

and would also recommend that Bro. C. J. Lindahl's request be complied with, so soon as the "Ansari Synod" shall be received into the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. HARBAUGH,
J. B. MCAFEE,
N. G. BERGENSKOLD.

The Treasurer read his report, which was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Revs. J. B. McAfee and Exline and Bro. Schmucker.

Report of Committee No. 6.

ON CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES.

Your committee on correspondence with other ecclesiastical bodies would report as follows:

1. A letter from Rev. G. W. Snyder, delegate of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa, bearing to us the fraternal greetings of that body. He represents our sister Synod as being in a very prosperous condition, and earnestly desires that a delegate from this body be present at the next meeting of their Synod.

2. Rev. J. W. Tressler, delegate from the Synod of Northern Illinois, writes that the past year has been one of unusual prosperity with them, and hopes that the bond of Christian friendship between us continue inviolate.

3. Rev. E. M. Anthony, duly authorized delegate from the Synod of Southern Illinois, sends to us the greetings of that body, and cherishes the hope that the tie of brotherly affection may bind us together yet more closely.

4. A communication from Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, delegate appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, in which he presents to us the fraternal feelings of that body, and asks that we cherish the same toward them. He also asks the co-operation of this Synod in sustaining a traveling missionary, which we recommend to the Synod for consideration.

T. F. DORNBLASER,
CHARLES YOUNG,
N. G. BERGENSKOLD.

Adopted.

Report of the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

To the Members of the Kansas Synod:

BRETHREN: The Board of Home Missions would report that during your synodical year just closing, it has had eight missions under

its care in the bounds of your Synod, viz., Kansas City, Lawrence, Topeka, Abilene, Bunker Hill, Salina, Waterville, and Brantford.

The Topeka mission became vacant Nov. 1, 1872, and though efforts have been repeatedly made to secure a pastor, yet they have been unsuccessful.

Kansas City became vacant July 1, 1873, but was supplied by the election of Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, who took charge June 1, 1874, and whose labors already give evidence of success.

The Waterville Mission, no longer wishing aid, withdrew Nov. 1, 1873, and is therefore no longer under the care of the Board.

There are still seven missions supported by the Board belonging to your Synod. The aggregate amount of appropriation made to these is \$1,900. The amount received by the treasurer of the Board from your Synod for the year from June 1, 1873, to June 1, 1874, is \$33 22.

Soon after the adjournment of the Synod last fall, the Board received a communication from Rev. D. Harbaugh, chairman of the advisory committee, stating that the Synod had resolved to appoint a travelling missionary, and respectfully ask the Board to appropriate funds for the support of such a missionary. The secretary was instructed to reply that the Board was not authorized to make such appropriations.

The Board has had applications from other places within the bounds of the Synod, but from the great scarcity of funds was compelled to decline their urgent appeals.

The Board would respectfully call the attention of the Synod to the action of the General Synod on apportionment. The wants of our missionary work are so great and pressing, and the field so vast and promising, that it becomes every Church and Synod to make every and earnest efforts to increase the treasury of the Board. Had the Board the men and means, one hundred missionaries might to-day be putting forth their energies on the plains of Kansas.

The Board send greetings, praying the blessing of the Master on their labors and deliberations.

Faternally,

J. W. GOODLIN,

Sec. B. H. M.

Adopted.

Report of Advisory Committee on Home Missions.

The undersigned Advisory Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report that they had two applications for aid during the year, viz., Rev. C. Young, of Salina, and Rev. S. Cook, of Garnett.

They were both recommended to the Board for aid, which was granted to Bro. Young, but could not be granted to Bro. Cook for want of funds.

Respectfully submitted,

D. HARBAUGH,
S. P. HARRINGTON,
C. H. LEBOLD.

Adopted.

Resolved, That missionary business be the order of the day at 2 P. M.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Bro. Exline.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, Oct. 23, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order and prayer offered by Bro. Goodlin.

Mission work was then taken up, and a most interesting and soul-stirring address was delivered by Bro. Goodlin on the mission work in general. A number of other brethren made interesting remarks on the same subject, and the impression was made that the Kansas Synod has an extensive field of usefulness before her in this department.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Bro. Sargent.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 24, 9 A. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Committee No. 1 would respectfully report on the following papers:

No. 1 is the President's Annual Report. This is a clear and concise document, evincing faithfulness in his official duties, and manifesting a deep interest in behalf of the churches connected with this

Synod. With the exception of No. 2, as marked in his report, we would offer the following resolution for your adoption, viz.:

Resolved, That the President's Report be published in our minutes, and that his official acts, as presented in the above report, be and are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Adopted.

No. 2 was stricken out.

No. 3 is a letter from our former President, asking, on account of the great distance and the infirmities of age, to be excused from attendance at Synod. Your committee recommend that his request be granted. He also sends \$1 to the synodical treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. TRIMPER,
T. W. SARGENT,
T. F. DORNBLASER.

Report of Committee on Sabbath School Work.

Your Committee on Sabbath School Work have compared the statistical table of last year with that of the present, and regret to find that there are three less schools and about two hundred less scholars reported than last year, which betrays a want of interest in this important department of the church's work.

We recommend to the consideration of Synod the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the action taken by the National Evangelical Lutheran Sabbath School Convention, and that we will endeavor to introduce into our schools the literature adopted by the same.

Resolved, That we will enter with renewed zeal upon the Sabbath school work, using all the helps we can command, and meet in convention whenever and wherever practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. DORNBLASER,
A. A. TRIMPER,
A. W. WAGENHALS.

Report of Committee No. 4.

The documents placed into the hands of Committee No. 4 are the Lutheran Home Monthly, the Catalogue of the Lutheran Publication Society, and an application for our printing by said society.

Your committee offer the following:

Resolved, That we as a Synod most earnestly recommend to our churches the Lutheran Home Monthly. The works issued by

our Publication Society are also recommended; and also recommend the Secretary of our Synod to have the Minutes printed by the Society, provided they will do it as cheap as it can be done in the West.

Respectfully submitted,

D. HARBAUGH,
J. B. MCAFEE,
T. F. DORNBLASER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President of the Synod of Kansas and adjacent States:

The undersigned, Treasurer of said Synod, begs leave to make his Annual Report of amounts received and paid out, with the receipts for same:

Synodical Fund,.....	\$28 27
Paid Bro. Harrington,.....	27 08
Due Synod,.....	29
Home Mission,.....	\$8 45
Paid E. G. Smyser,.....	4 70
Balance due Synod,.....	\$3 75
Education,.....	\$18 06
Due Synod.	

Accounts due by Treasurer:

Synodical Fund,.....	29
Home Missions,.....	\$3 75
Education,.....	18 06
Total,.....	\$23 10

1874.—On hand from Topeka Church,.....\$6 90

Synodical Fund:

Home Mission, Topeka,.....	4 00
Education, Topeka,.....	2 00
Church Extension, Topeka,.....	4 00

Foreign Missions:

Bro. Harbaugh's charge,.....	\$3 40
Topeka charge,.....	4 00

Total,.....\$24 30— 24 30

Amount in Treasurer's hands and ready to be paid over. \$46 40

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SCHELL,
Treasurer.

Report of Auditing Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report and accompanying vouchers, have examined the same and find them correct, and recommend that the report be published in the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. McAFEE,
G. A. EXLINE,
J. G. SCHMUCKER.

Report of Committee No. 2, on Last Year's Minutes.

Your committee on last year's minutes respectfully report the following items:

1. A committee was appointed to instruct the Swedish brethren of Topeka to retain their old organization, elect their trustees, hold their church property, and have their church incorporated.

Has this duty been attended to? Answer—It has.

2. The missionary committee was instructed to appoint a traveling missionary.

Was such a missionary appointed, and is he prepared to report the progress of his operations? Answer—Yes.

3. Revs. S. P. Harrington, M. J. Fiery, and Bro. J. H. Schell were appointed commissioners to Carthage College.

Are they prepared to report? Answer—Yes. Verbal reports were made by them.

4. Have the brethren appointed to supply vacant congregations attended to their duties? Answer—They have, in part.

5. Is the education committee appointed to superintend the education of Robert White prepared to report? Answer—They reported verbally.

Report of Committee on Church at Atchison.

Your committee appointed to investigate the situation of affairs relating to our church property in Atchison, would report that a consultation was held with one well acquainted with our affairs there, and that we find matters in *statu quo*. The property appears to be safe. No disposition is manifested on the part of our members there to organize at present, and it is to be feared that unless something can be done at an early day, that all hope for the future of our interests there will be either destroyed or severely crippled for all time to come.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. FIERY, Com.

Whereas Rev. J. B. Corbett had written a letter offering an excuse for his non-attendance at Synod last year, but was mistaken with regard to the time of meeting, therefore

Resolved, That his name be placed upon the clerical roll.

Report of Committee No. 3.

Committee No. 3 would respectfully report that the documents placed in their hands are the Minutes of Southern and Central Illinois and Olive Branch Synods. These reveal the fact that while they respectively have their troubles and discouragements, they yet are tolerably prosperous, and earnestly engaged in the Master's work. We find nothing in them requiring special action on the part of this Synod, but recommend the following :

Resolved, That we recognize the courtesy of said Synods in sending us their Minutes, and will reciprocate the same by sending them ours.

J. K. ECKMAN,
D. HARBAUGH,
W. H. EICHOLTZ.

Claim of Rev. S. P. Harrington.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and adjacent States
Debtor to S. P. Harrington, Oct. 20, 1874 :

1873.	
Oct. 18—To paper, postage, and envelopes,.....	\$1 78
Dec. 23—To cash paid Huron on Minutes,.....	23 00
“ “—To cash paid H. on Minutes per Harbaugh,.....	5 00
1874.	
Aug. 5—To blank certificates and circulars,.....	4 00
Aug. 10—To postage, envelopes, and paper,.....	1 28
Total, ...	\$35 06
<i>Credit:</i>	
1873.	
Nov. 30—By cash per J. H. Schell,.....	\$23 50
“ “—By cash per J. W. Best,.....	2 00
	25 50
Total, ...	\$9 56
Postage on Minutes by Harbaugh,.....	\$1 08
Paper for Minutes,.....	35
	1 38
Balance due,.....	\$10 94

Ordered printed and paid.

The President appointed Revs. Goodlin and Trimper to install Rev. Dornblaser of Kansas City on the second Lord's day of November, 1874.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

White Rock, in Republic County, Kansas, was reported vacant, and Bro. Eckman was requested to supply that place with preaching during the ensuing year as often as practicable.

Eureka charge was reported vacant prospectively.

Bunker Hill was reported vacant, and Bro. Exline was requested to supply the congregation with preaching until they could obtain a regular pastor.

Monrovia charge was reported vacant.

Topeka church was reported vacant.

The Lutheran congregation in Johnston County, Kansas, was reported vacant.

The congregation near Girard, Crawford County, Kansas, was reported vacant.

Resolved, That we borrow of the Education Fund money enough to pay our indebtedness and print and distribute the Minutes.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Bro. Young.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 24, 2 P. M.

Prayer offered by Rev. J. B. McAfee.

Report of Committee No. 5.

Your Committee No. 5, to whom was recommittd the report respecting the Topeka church, beg leave to present the following:

1. We learn that this church has not had regular service during the past year.
2. That the Sabbath school has been disbanded for nearly the same length of time.
3. That their house of worship has been rented to, and is now occupied by, the Unitarian Society. We regret exceedingly that a

church of twenty-seven members, holding a church property worth from \$4,000 to \$5,000, located in the very capital of our State, should be obliged, from any cause, to suspend regular services, close her Sabbath school, and rent her building. And we recommend that these brethren be urged to resume the regular ministrations of God's Word on the Sabbath day, resuscitate their Sabbath school, and as good and devoted followers of Christ, labor to remove any and all obstacles that may now interfere with the speedy consummation of an object so desirable. We would respectfully but earnestly request our good brother, Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Secretary of H. M. B., to aid this church in this important work. And we would also take the liberty of recommending to their favorable notice our worthy and able brother, Rev. H. J. Fiery, as a suitable man to become their pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. TRIMPER,
CHARLES YOUNG,
C. J. SCHELEEN.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the next General Synod, to be held at Williamsport, Pa.

CLERICAL.

Primarii.

D. Harbaugh,
T. W. Sargent,
A. A. Trimper.

Secundi.

M. J. Fiery,
S. P. Harrington,
J. K. Eckman.

LAY.

J. H. Schell,
J. G. Schmucker,
J. Rizer.

W. Eicholtz,
C. H. Lebold,
Mr. Krotzer.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

Rev. D. Harbaugh to the Nebraska Synod.
Rev. Dornblaser to Synod of Central Illinois.
Rev. Heigert to Synod of Southern Illinois.
Rev. A. A. Trimper to Synod of Northern Illinois.
Rev. D. S. Altman to Synod of Iowa.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Resolved, That we meet next year at the usual time, subject to any arrangements our delegates may make at the next General Synod.

The city of Lawrence, Kansas, was chosen as the place to hold our next annual convention. It was ordered that 300 copies of the Minutes be published.

On motion, the officers of Synod were constituted a missionary committee, to operate with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

APPOINTMENTS FOR NEXT SYNOD.

On Education,	- -	Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.
On Missions,	- -	Rev. M. J. Fiery.
On General Benevolence,		Rev. A. Wagenhals.
On Ordination,	- -	Rev. D. S. Altman.

COMMISSIONERS TO CARLEIGH COLLEGE.

Revs. S. P. Harrington, A. A. Trimper, and Bro. J. H. Schell.

Resolved, That each minister of this Synod preach at least one sermon on the subject of Temperance to his people during the year.

Resolved, That one evening of the next convention of this body be devoted to Temperance.

Resolved, That our delegates to the General Synod are hereby instructed to ask that venerable body to pass a special rule so as to empower the Board of Home Missions to appoint travelling missionaries in the West.

Revs. McAfee and Exline were excused from further attendance at Synod.

Resolved, That we appoint a committee of three to draft a form of constitution for churches, who shall report at our next meeting of Synod, and who shall also present a form of deed for church property which shall secure the same to the General Synod.

Adjourned to meet after service this evening. Prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 24, 9 P. M.

Prayer offered by Brother Young.

The committee appointed to draft constitution for churches consists of Rev. Wagenhals.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to tender to the pastor and congregation and citizens of Abilene the thanks of this body for their hospitality and Christian courtesies extended to them during this convention.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Rev. G. W. Goodlin, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, for his presence among us and for the very able addresses to which we have listened with pleasure, and to the Board for the deep interest they cherish toward our Western field.

Resolved, That every minister in connection with this Synod be requested to preach some sermons during the synodical year to Lutheran churches, or members, or give valid reasons to this Synod at each session for non-compliance with this demand.

Synod finally adjourned, to meet in Lawrence, Kansas, at the time to be fixed by our delegates to the General Synod.

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Trimper.

D. S. ALTMAN,

OCT. 24, 1874.

Sec. Kansas Synod.

THE MINISTERIUM.

SATURDAY, Oct. 24, 8 A. M.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Wagenhals.

Report of Committee on Rev. Walker's Case.

Your committee, to whom was referred the case of Rev. G. Walker, would respectfully report that they have investigated the matter, and recommend the following:

WHEREAS, Rev. G. Walker has absented himself from the annual meetings of this Synod without sufficient excuse; and

WHEREAS, He has violated the constitution and resolutions of this Synod, by failing to send a contribution to its treasury, and

WHEREAS, He has engaged in secular pursuits inconsistent with his character as a minister of the Gospel, and thus brought reproach on the sacred office of the ministry; therefore

Resolved, That the President of Synod be instructed to write Bro. Walker, and admonish him in reference to his duty.

Adopted.

Ministerium adjourned with prayer by Bro. Trimper.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 24, 1 P. M.

Prayer by Bro. Harbaugh.

Report of Committee on the Sermon of Rev. Bergenskold.

Your committee on journal and sermon of Bro. Bergenskold would report favorably, and recommend him for ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. FIERY,
C. YOUNG,
C. J. SCHELEN.

Case of E. J. Keplinger.

Resolved, That in view of all the circumstances, Bro. Keplinger's name be retained on the roll another year; and if he falls then to attend the regular session of Synod, that he be expelled.

WHEREAS, Rev. V. G. Haag has been guilty of gross misconduct as a professed Christian minister, and

WHEREAS, This Synod has fully investigated his case, therefore

Resolved, That the name of V. G. Haag be stricken from the roll, and that he be, and hereby is, deposed from the Gospel ministry.

Ministerium adjourned with prayer by Bro. Eckman.

D. S. ALTMAN,

Sec. Ministerium.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Devotional exercises for half an hour were held each morning before the regular business sessions.

Wednesday evening, in the absence of the President (Rev. R. Weiser), Rev. J. K. Eckman preached a very interesting discourse based on Heb. xii. 2.

Thursday evening, Rev. A. A. Trimper delivered a very good sermon on Education.

Friday evening, missionary addresses were delivered by Revs. D. S. Altman and J. W. Goodlin, and a collection taken in aid of the good cause.

Saturday evening, Rev. D. Harbaugh preached the ordination sermon to an attentive audience.

Sunday, 10½ A. M.: Lord's Supper. Sermon by Rev. M. J. Fiery; theme, "The Preciousness of Christ."

3 P. M.: Dickinson County Sabbath School Convention was addressed by Revs. Dornblaser, Altman, and others.

Lord's-day evening: Children's Sabbath School Convention was addressed by Revs. Fiery and Goodlin.

PAROCHIAL TABLE OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.

NAMES OF PASTORS.	Admissions.		Removals.		Sunday Schools.		Benevolent Funds.	
	No. of Churches.	No. of Preaching Places.	By Confirmation.	By Certificate.	By Adult Baptism.	By death.	By certificate.	By Excommunication.
D. Harbaugh.....	20	15	41	121	15	2	3	554
D. S. Altman.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bunker Hill charge.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A. A. Trimmer.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A. R. Scherer.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
T. F. Dornblaser.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
C. G. Scheele.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
N. G. Bergenskold.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
C. Young.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
S. F. Harrington.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. K. Eckman.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. T. W. Sargent.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
R. W. Welter.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Topeka Church (Eng.).....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Charles Hawkinson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. B. McAfee.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
M. J. Fier.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. B. Corbett.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A. W. Wagenbals.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total.....	20	15	41	121	15	2	3	554





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